

17 January 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Ad Hoc Committee Presentation

1. The ELINT Staff Officer, members of the Staff and interested representatives of FI, O/SI and O/C attended a briefing by General Lindsay, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on ELINT Activities, appointed by the Secretary of the Air Force to study his implementation of NSCID-17 and the Defense Directive issued thereunder.

2. General Lindsay outlined the studies of the Committee and presented its recommendations for organization within the Air Force to discharge the Air Force responsibilities under these Directives.

3. It is proposed to use AFOSIN-2 with an Air Force Colonel commanding and a deputy chief rotating between Army, Navy and CIA on a periodic basis, as the management organization for ELINT in Defense. The Chief of AFOSIN-2 will be advised by a Committee consisting of a representative at the Colonel or Captain or comparable civilian level of Army, Navy, Air Force and CIA. Within AFOSIN-2, three sub-divisions will be organized, as follows:

- a. Plans and policies.
- b. Operations.
- c. Equipment.

These will be staffed by representatives of Army, Navy, Air Force and CIA, with the chiefs of the subdivisions rotating between the four organizations. This ELINT Management Staff will be located in the Pentagon. The Technical Processing Center to handle ELINT data from recording tapes and other sources and translate it into usable technical information for intelligence producing purposes, will be under the direction of AFOSIN-2 and located at the Navy Security Station at Nebraska Avenue. The TPC will be built around the nucleus of ANEED and probably expanded ultimately to 90-100 people.

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4. General Lindsay was assured of the Agency's cooperation and its desire to start implementation of this national organization as rapidly and effectively as possible. He was also advised that even though our preliminary planning had contemplated a contribution of only ten people to the TPC, that it was my intention to recommend that the Agency contribute its full one-quarter share of the organizational strength, and I am initiating the action to obtain authorization for such an increase in the TPC Branch, Electronics Division, O/SI.

5. I believe the very excellent review of the ELINT problem conducted by General Lindsay's Committee and the sound nature of the recommendations will go far towards quieting the dissension which has existed in this field and will provide a charter for a really effective operation.



ELINT Staff Officer

Attachment:

Copy of General Lindsay's Letter to DCI

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